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Every increase in the demand for gasoline power will affect the price of gasoline, because, though petroleum production is continually increasing, it is not keeping pace with the demand for gasoline.

The latest figures available illustrating this point are for March, 1920.

Petroleum Production:	Petroleum Consumption:
Daily Average	Daily Average
1,177,129 bbls.	1,417,129 bbls.
Total for Month	Total for Month
36,491,000 bbls.	43,930,999 bbls.

If production continues for the rest of the year at the rate established in the first quarter, the total production of petroleum for 1920 will be in excess of 410,000,000 barrels.

If consumption continues for the rest of the year at the rate established in the first quarter, the total consumption of petroleum for the year 1920 will be in excess of 495,000,000 barrels.

Or, for the year 1920, consumption may be expected to exceed domestic production of petroleum by 85,000,000 barrels.

Because of its high-powered organization, trained through years of experience to the interpretation of conditions, the Standard Oil Company (Indiana) is anticipating increased need for gasoline and is bending every effort to supply the people of the Middle West with the gasoline they need.

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# The AMERICAN LEGION

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## OFFICERS VISIT WOUNDED MEN AT CHICAGO HOSPITAL



Left to Right—Seaman Clarence McGee, National Chaplain Francis M. Kelly, Mesaschoer William Hughes, Chief Nurse Meta C. Cook, National Commander Franklin D'Oiler.

National Commander Franklin D'Oiler, national chaplain Francis M. Kelly and Commander Milton J. Foreman of the Illinois department of the American Legion recently visited the United States Public Health Service hospital No. 80, Chicago, Ill., where 600 wounded and disabled soldiers and sailors are patients. The legion officers were conducted on a tour of the ward after which Commander D'Oiler and Father Kelly addressed a number of the wounded in the recreation hall.

"Service," said the national commander, "is the sole aim of the American Legion—service to our country and our comrades. Our first and foremost duty always has been and will be to the disabled, those who gave their health and strength in battle and the dependents of those who died while with the forces."

"The American Legion put through congress the bill that raised the disabled men's base pay from \$30 to \$80 a month. It has aided in the adjustment of thousands of compensation, allotment, allowance, back pay and insurance claims. It is working to remedy the vocational training situation.

Our first duty is to you men and your comrades. You can always bank on that."

Father Kelly, wearer of the D. S. C. for heroism in action on the British front with the Twenty-seventh New York division, made a vigorous reply to the foes of the ex-service organization who have charged the American Legion is a militaristic body.

"I have heard it said," declared Father Kelly, "that the aim of the American Legion is to impose upon the United States a government of the soldiers, by the soldiers and for the soldiers. The American Legion is a million miles away from any such idea as that. We crossed the sea to put an end to such forms of government and certainly we do not intend or strive or will not tolerate the setting up at home of what we went to war to destroy abroad."

"The American Legion stands solely and simply for the things that make for a better Americanism. We call ourselves Americans. We call ourselves a legion. We are both, and we unite the two in an organization which shall stand for all that is best in our national life for our country and for the flag."

## TRAINING FOR DISABLED MEN

Gerald J. Murphy Named Vocational Officer to Aid in Working Out Big Problem.

A system of co-operation with the federal board of vocational training by which it is hoped to obtain vocational training for all eligible disabled men at government expense with all possible speed, has been inaugurated by the American Legion. It is estimated that about 120,000 crippled veterans are entitled to training under the provisions of the vocational rehabilitation act, but the federal board, after functioning for 20 months, has placed in training only about 25,000 of these.

Officials of the board, in accepting the plan put forth by the legion, declare the combination of effort will solve some of the body's most difficult problems. The arrangement is expected to relieve a situation which has brought the legion and the board into repeated controversies in the past and has provoked much criticism of the board, together with a congressional investigation of its alleged dereliction of duty and failure to fulfill the country's pledged obligations to the men who gave their health and strength in battle.

The legion's proposal calls for the formation of an organization in each state which will seek out the disabled men in every community, examine their cases and present them to the proper officials of the board for admission to training. A department vocational officer will be appointed in each state and attached to state headquarters of the legion. A vocational officer also will be chosen in each of the more than 9,000 posts of the legion throughout the country, and conferences of all post officers will be held within the state during the next two months to insure uniform procedure. The whole project will be under the direction of the national vocational officer at American Legion headquarters in Indianapolis.

Gerald J. Murphy of Rutland, Vt., has been named national vocational officer by National Commander Franklin D'Oiler.

"The legion's action in this matter was taken not through choice but a sense of duty," said Lemuel Bolles, national adjutant and chairman of the special legion committee of three which investigated the vocational situation, recommended and devised the program of co-operative effort with the board. "The American Legion's excuse

for existence may be summed up in one word—service; service to our country and our comrades. Disabled men and the dependents of those who died always come first.

"I regard the agreement we have effected with the F. B. V. A. one of the most important steps we have taken in that direction."

"The vocational situation has been generally unsatisfactory the country over, though the evils of faulty administrative methods and lack of foresight have been more pronounced in some sections than in others—particularly so in the densely populated districts of the East. Disabled men have not had what they are clearly entitled to have from the government, and the result is they have become discouraged and their confidence in the board has been seriously impaired."

"The American Legion cannot restore that confidence. The board must do it. The legion only can help, and that it means to do. The work would be facilitated materially if disabled men throughout the country would, without further formality, get in touch with the nearest local post of the American Legion. That will start the wheels moving."

## ACTIVITY IN WEST VIRGINIA

Posts of State, According to Department Adjutant's Bulletin, Are Busy Doing Things.

A recent bulletin issued by Louis A. Carr, department adjutant for the American Legion of West Virginia, reports activities of the various legion posts in that state as follows:

Post No. 44 of Philippi, W. Va., recently presented a minstrel show and realized a substantial sum for the territory. The post will conduct a memorial service.

George D. Jackson post No. 56 of Kinwood, W. Va., is organizing a women's auxiliary and making arrangements for a permanent post club-rooms.

Potomac post of Shepherdstown probably has come nearer than any other post in the state to enrolling every returned sailor, soldier or marine in its community. From the territory from which it draws its members the post claims to have gathered in every eligible person except five.

Clarkburg, Elkins and Parkersburg posts recently contracted with the managements of the Boston-Detroit baseball teams for games in their respective cities.

Wheeling post No. 1 recently staged a "Fishing" celebration from which the organization gained more than 600 new members.

## For Benefit of Legion.

The Rotary club of Newcastle, Pa., repeated its minstrel show the last of April for the benefit of the post of the American Legion.

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